

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

No claims have been added, amended, or canceled.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,631,469 (hereinafter "Silvester") in view of U.S. Patent 5,987,613 (hereinafter "Busch"). Silvester qualifies as a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. 103(c)/102(e). Applicant requests that Silvester be removed from consideration as a prior art reference. Applicant asserts that the current application 1) was filed after November 29,1999, and 2) the subject matter disclosed in Silvester and the claimed invention were, at the time of the invention was made, were, in their entirety, subject to an obligation of assignment to Intel Corporation. Applicant further reserves the right under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 to swear behind Silvester.

Statement of Common Ownership

Applicant asserts that the current application number 09/707,410 1) was filed after November 29,1999, and 2) the subject matter disclosed in U.S. patent number 6,631,469 by Silvester and the claimed invention were, at the time of the invention was made, were, in their entirety, subject to an obligation of assignment to Intel Corporation.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Tom Ferrill at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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